

BARNACK RURAL DISTRICT.ABBREVIATED REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1942.PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

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My Lord and Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to submit my report for the year 1942.

SECTION A.

Area.	15,546 acres.
Total Population.	2000.
No. of Inhabitated houses.	594.
Rateable Value.	£15,575.
Sum represented by Penny Rate.	£62.

SOCIAL CONDITION - The main industry is Agriculture.

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Live Births.	Total	39	16.	23	) Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident pop- ulation - 19.5
	Legitimate.		16	22	
	Illegitimate.			1	
Still Births	Legitimate	2	1	1	
Deaths.		17.	10	7	Death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident pop- ulation - 8.5

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis. Nil.

Deaths from other Puerperal Causes. 1.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births....	Nil.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births..	Nil.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	Nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)...	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough .....	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs of age)...	Nil.

Corresponding rates for England and Wales:-

Birth Rate.....	15.8
Death Rate.....	11.6
Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births of infants under 1 year of age.....	49.0

There has been an increase in the Birth Rate of the District of 3.0 compared with 1941.

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There has been a decrease in the Death Rate of the District of 1.7 compared with 1941.

## SECTION B.

### (a). Laboratory Facilities.

By contract with Ministry of Health Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, at the cost of £7. 10. 0. p.a.

### (b). Ambulance Facilities.

(1). Infectious Cases - Ambulance provided by Peterborough Isolation Hospital.

(2). Non-Infectious Cases - St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Stamford.

### (c). Nursing in the Home.

(1). General - Nursing facilities provided by the Barnack and District Nursing Association, maintained by private subscriptions and an annual grant of £20 from the Peterborough County Council.

(2). Infectious Cases - No provision made by the Council.

### (d). Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Nil.

### (e). Hospitals, Public and Voluntary.

No hospital is situated in the District. Acute medical and surgical cases are admitted to Stamford and Rutland General Infirmary.

## SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (1). WATER. Barnack. The conducted supply to the villages of Barnack, Pilsgate, Bainton, Ashton and Ufford from the bore at Barnack, has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

No chlorinating plant has been considered necessary.

Thornhaugh. This supply, which is chlorinated at source, has proved adequate and satisfactory.

### (2). DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

No systems of drainage are in existence in the District. Trouble has been experienced with the drainage from some houses with septic tanks owing to the increased number of occupants. Action has been taken with the Authority concerned.

The question of providing adequate systems of sewage collection and disposal will obviously be included in post war planning.

2. (1). CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. - The pail closet is in use in the District.

- (2). PUBLIC CLEANSING. - By the Council Scavenger of the pail closets and dry-house refuse, throughout the District.





(3). SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Complaints. Formal - 9 received. Necessary action taken in all cases.

No. of Inspections made - 37. Re-visits - 49.

Informal notices served under Public Health and Housing Acts.

4. SCHOOLS.

The pail closet is in use in all the schools. Barnack has a twice weekly collection by Scavenger.

SECTION D. HOUSING.Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

Inspections have only been made of those houses known to be old and liable to recurring dilapidations and upon the receipt of complaint.

5 Informal and several verbal notices requiring small repair work have been served. All have been complied with.

The lack of regular repairs to houses owing to shortage of labour and material will obviously accentuate the post war requirements.

New Buildings.

Nil.

Salvage of Waste.

A considerable less quantity collected compared with 1941.

Materials salvaged during the year have been;-

	T.	C.	Qr.	Lbs.
Paper.	8	17	2	14
Scrap Iron.	4	6	3	0
Non-ferrous metals:	-	-	-	14
Rubber.	-	14	1	0
Textiles.	-	10	2	0
Bones.	-	5	0	0
TOTAL.	14.	14.	1.	0.

Salvage collection has only been possible owing to the valuable help from voluntary effort in the villages.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a). Milk Supply. Particulars of registers at the end of the year:-

(1).	Producers (Retail) having registered premises in the District ...	...	...	7.
(2).	Producers (Wholesale) having registered premises in the District ...	...	...	5.
(3).	Producers (Butter only) having registered premises in the District ...	...	...	10.
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Considering the shortage of labour, cowsheds are kept reasonably clean.

Plans.

Nil.

(b). Meat and Other Foods. - Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924 :-

Slaughter Houses ... .. None in use.

Bake-houses:-

Number in use in the District ... 3.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Cases of Typhoid, Para-Typhoid, Cerebro Spinal Fever, Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever, are admitted to Peterborough Isolation Hospital at the charge of £3.3.0. per week per patient. Accommodation has been adequate.

Evacuee children suffering from minor infectious diseases are admitted to The White House, St. Martin's, Stamford. Children normally resident in the area can be admitted at a weekly charge of £3.3.0. per week to the Local Authority concerned.

This Council being one of the authorities of the Kesteven & Rutland Small-pox Joint Committee, can admit cases of small-pox to the Isolation Hospital, Shacklewel Hollow. (20 beds).

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

Free Immunization is provided by the County Council for all children of school & pre-school age.

Immunizations performed by the County Medical Officer of Health:-

	<u>31.Dec.1940.</u>	<u>30.Sept.1941.</u>	<u>30.June 1942.</u>	<u>31.Dec.1942.</u>
Under 5 yrs.	0	3.6	54.5	77.7
5 - 15 yrs.	0	37.2	86.	96.4

In addition, immunization is provided by the District Council under the General Practitioner Scheme for children of 1 - 5 years of age, at the cost of 2/6 per inoculation with a maximum of 5/- per child.

No returns from this service have as yet been received.

SCABIES.

Patients suffering from Scabies are treated at the Stamford "Scabies Treatment Clinic" by contract with the Kesteven County Council at the cost of £1.1.0. per case.

The scheme also provides for transport of patient by Civil Defence ambulances to the Clinic, where no other means of transport is available and the visit of the Stamford Scabies Health Visitor to the infected house for the inspection of family contacts.

In-patient treatment is provided by the Kesteven County Council at the charge of £1.10.0 per week to the District Authority.







